

Veteran Status and Period of Military Service Questions 1910 to Present

Decennial Censuses 1910 to 2000

1910

Column 30.

Whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy.

1920

No question was asked about veteran status.

1930

Column 28.

Whether a veteran of the U.S. military or naval forces mobilized for any war or expedition.

(Yes or No)

Column 29.

What war or expedition.

(Note: there was no code list on the enumeration sheet)

1940

For persons of all ages:

Columns 39-41.

Is this person a veteran of the United States military forces; or the wife, widow, or under-18-year-old child of a veteran?

Column I.

War or Military Service Code

War or Military Service Code list:

World War.....	W
Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion.....	S
Spanish-American War and World War.....	SW
Regular establishment (Army, Navy, or Marine Corps) peacetime service only.....	R
Other war or expedition.....	Ot

1950

14 years and older:

Columns 33a.-33c.

If male —

Did he ever serve in the U.S. Armed Forces during —

33a. World War II

33b. World War I

33c. Any other time, including present service

1960

14 years and older:

Question P35.

If this is a man –

Has he ever served in the Army, Navy, or other Armed Forces of the United States?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Was it during –

(Check one box on each line)

Yes No

Korean War (June 1950 to January 1955) ☐ ☐

World War II (September 1940 to July 1947)..... ☐ ☐

World War I (April 1917 to November 1918)..... ☐ ☐

Any other time, including present service..... ☐ ☐

1970

14 years and older:

Question 26.

If this is a man –

Has he ever served in the Army, Navy, or other Armed Forces of the United States?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Was it during – (*Fill the circle for each period of service.*)

Vietnam Conflict (Since August 1964)..... ☐

Korean War (June 1950 to January 1955) ☐

World War II (September 1940 to July 1947)..... ☐

World War I (April 1917 to November 1918)..... ☐

Any other time..... ☐

1980

15 years and older:

Question 18a.

Is this person a veteran of active-duty military service in the Armed Forces of the United States?

If service was in the National Guard or Reserves only, see instruction guide.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Question 18b.

Was active-duty military service during –

Fill a circle for each period in which this person served.

- ☐ May 1975 or later
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 – April 1975)
- ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
- ☐ Korean conflict (June 1950 – January 1955)
- ☐ World War II (September 1940 – July 1947)
- ☐ World War I (April 1917 – November 1918)
- ☐ Any other time

1990

15 years and older:

Question 17a.

Has this person ever been on active duty military service in the Armed Forces of the United States or ever been in the United States military Reserves or National Guard?

If service was in the Reserves or National Guard, see instruction guide.

- ☐ Yes, now on active duty
- ☐ Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now
- ☐ Yes, service in the Reserves or National Guard only
- ☐ No

Question 17b.

Was active-duty military service during –

Fill a circle for each period in which this person served.

- ☐ September 1980 or later
- ☐ May 1975 to August 1980
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 – April 1975)
- ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
- ☐ Korean conflict (June 1950 – January 1955)
- ☐ World War II (September 1940 – July 1947)
- ☐ World War I (April 1917 – November 1918)
- ☐ Any other time

2000

15 years and older:

Question 20a.

Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? *Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.*

- ☐ Yes, now on active duty
- ☐ Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now
- ☐ No, training for Reserves or National Guard only
- ☐ No, never served in the military

Question 20b.

When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Mark a box for EACH period in which this person served.

- ☐ April 1995 or later
- ☐ August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War)
- ☐ September 1980 to July 1990
- ☐ May 1975 to August 1980
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 – April 1975)
- ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
- ☐ Korean conflict (June 1950 – January 1955)
- ☐ World War II (September 1940 – July 1947)
- ☐ Some other time

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2000 to 2002

15 years and older:

Question 19.

Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? *Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.*

- ☐ Yes, now on active duty
- ☐ Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now
- ☐ No, training for Reserves or National Guard only
- ☐ No, never served in the military

Question 20.

When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Mark a box for EACH period in which this person served.

- ☐ April 1995 or later
- ☐ August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War)
- ☐ September 1980 to July 1990
- ☐ May 1975 to August 1980
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
- ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
- ☐ Korean War (June 1950 to January 1955)
- ☐ World War II (September 1940 to July 1947)
- ☐ Some other time

2003 to 2012

15 years and older:

Question 20 (in 2003 to 2007).

Question 25 (in 2008).

Question 26 (in 2009 to 2012).

Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? *Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.*

- ☐ Yes, now on active duty
- ☐ Yes, on active duty during the last 12 months, but not now
- ☐ Yes, on active duty in the past, but not during the last 12 months
- ☐ No, training for Reserves or National Guard only
- ☐ No, never served in the military

Question 21 (in 2003 to 2007).

Question 26 (in 2008).

Question 27 (in 2009 to 2012).

When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Mark a box for EACH period in which this person served, even if just for part of the period.

- ☐ September 2001 or later
- ☐ August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War)
- ☐ September 1980 to July 1990
- ☐ May 1975 to August 1980
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
- ☐ March 1961 to July 1964
- ☐ February 1955 to February 1961
- ☐ Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)
- ☐ January 1947 to June 1950
- ☐ World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)
- ☐ November 1941 or earlier

2013 and later

Question 26.

Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

- ☐ Never served in the military
- ☐ Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard
- ☐ Now on active duty
- ☐ On active duty in the past, but not now

Question 27.

When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Mark a box for EACH period in which this person served, even if just for part of the period.

- ☐ September 2001 or later
- ☐ August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War)
- ☐ May 1975 to July 1990
- ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
- ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
- ☐ Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)
- ☐ January 1947 to June 1950
- ☐ World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)
- ☐ November 1941 or earlier